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Documentary Evidence of Arms Delivered for Other than Army

REF: DIR 43263(22 Mar 54)

- 1. This information was picked up by a very sensitive source in P.G.T. Headquarters. Therefore, the attachment should be very carefully handled. It is a photograph of the original document on the distribution and caching of arms by the P.G.T. in Guatemala City.
- 2. The abbreviations under the column" "Mercaderia" are as follows:

AdeM - armetralladora de mano

F - fusiles

C.A. - cartuchos de ametralladora

C.F. - cartuchos de fusiles.

- 3. The source remembers seeing a similar breakdown for arms caches for the Departments. He was unable to get a copy but is trying to locate the document.
- 4. The attached memorandum from KRIEG may be of interest to the ODACID representative.

JEROMF C. DÚNBAR

Enclosures:

- 1. Autostat copy of card(3 cc)
- 2. Memorandum from KRIEG(1 cc)

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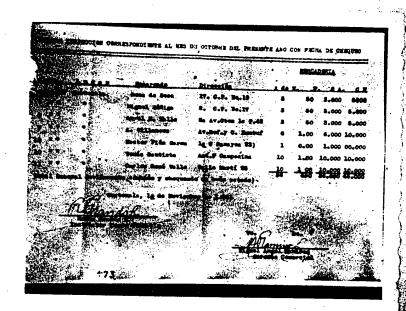
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January 28, 1954

To: Ir. Krieg

From: A. B. mardlaw

A finquere who has on previous occasions a police me certain information recently told no that he had learned from the Czech LUES who is a next-door neighbor of Colonel Elfego LOVZOU that the Colonel seems to be prepared psychologically for joining the opposition. Colonel Monzon reportedly stated that he had 300 officers on his side, but my informant did not know whether this meant they were merely well disposed towards Monzon or actually had come to some sort of understanding with him. Colonel Monzon is quoted as having stated that it would be too bad to have the uprising occur just at this time when things were not quite ready.

A few days ago Colonel Monzon was snocked to learn that the Guardia Civil had recently received 500 sub-machine guns from Belgium and he was particularly annoyed that despite his position in the Guatemalan Army this delivery had been effected without his having been informed. He arranged to inspect one of these guns and reported it to be a very fine weapon. The guns fire clips of 30 cartridges. He is reported to have said that the delivery of these guns to the police was an affront to the Army.

My informant was of the opinion that the police are now better equipped for fighting inside the city than is the Army. Supporting his view that the Army's weapons are in a very poor state, he remarked that an individual by the name of Julio CAITAN, whom he knows slightly, told him that he had recently visited the barracks at Guardia de Honor where he observed 150 soldiers working away at rifle cartridges with files. He asked an officer what the soldiers were doing and was informed that they were filing down Czech cartridges which did not quite fit the 7 mm. rifled used by the Guatemalan Army. My informant took this as evidence that the Guatemalan Army is suffering a desperate shortage of ammunition.

My informant also reported that it is said by many people in Quatemala that the opposition has a large store of arms in Ahuachapan, El Salvador, which is not far from the Guatemalan border. He had no further information on this.

I am convinced of the reliability of my informant but I have no opinion about the reliability of Kubes or Gaitan.

